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University of Vermont and SS. Cyril and Methodius University Sign Agreement

SS. Cyril and Methodius Rector Gjorgji Martinovski and University of Vermont representative Mary Watzin signed on Monday an agreement calling on both universities to work together to promote educational and scientific collaboration and exchange.

“This is another great example of Macedonians and Americans working together,” said Ms. Watzin, Professor at the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont. “This agreement covers students and professors from all disciplines and faculties across our universities.”

Cooperation is expected to include joint scientific and research projects; the exchange of visiting academic staff as well as undergraduate and graduate students; the organization of joint scientific conferences and workshops; the exchange of publications, university editions, and books; and cooperation in communication networks. The two universities also are expected to collaborate in developing joint applications to appropriate organizations for research grants and funds in mutually-agreed fields and topics.

Ms. Watzin has come to Macedonia as part of the Vermont Partnership 2007 that marks the long-standing relationship between Macedonia and Vermont. Begun in 1995 as primarily a military-to-military relationship between the Macedonian Army and the Vermont National Guard, the Partnership has grown, and this year includes crisis management exercises, the establishment of university partnerships, economic development discussions, and support for a Macedonian youth baseball organization.